

MISSOURI OVERVIEW TOP OPENINGS

2018-2028

Missouri is projected to have more than 370,000 total job openings each year between 2018 and 2028. Total openings comprise growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one.

Of the top 20 occupations with the most total openings, five are in the *Office and Administrative Support* major occupation group. *Construction Laborers*, *Registered Nurses* and *General and Operations Managers* are projected to have high numbers of total openings and earn above average wages for the state of Missouri.

TOP JOB POSTINGS							
Occupation	2018 Estimated Employment	2028 Projected Employment	Annual Exit Openings	Annual Transfer Openings	Annual Growth Openings	Annual Total Openings	Average Annual Wage
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	77,399	88,701	6,622	8,167	1,130	15,919	\$21,110
Cashiers	74,495	73,031	6,583	7,331	-146	13,768	\$22,050
Personal Care Aides	62,505	83,158	5,382	4,770	2,065	12,217	\$23,020
Retail Salespersons	83,270	79,858	4,688	7,227	-341	11,574	\$28,030
Waiters and Waitresses	47,924	49,356	3,376	5,960	143	9,479	\$21,420
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	73,127	65,973	3,564	4,220	-715	7,069	\$35,010
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	47,242	49,741	2,190	4,545	250	6,985	\$31,360
Customer Service Representatives	50,272	50,411	2,417	4,292	14	6,723	\$35,020
Janitors and Cleaners	43,213	45,857	2,723	3,142	264	6,129	\$27,470
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	48,473	50,761	2,043	3,599	229	5,871	\$45,070
Registered Nurses	74,688	86,821	2,241	2,071	1,213	5,525	\$65,130
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	37,838	38,974	1,944	3,168	114	5,226	\$27,320
Nursing Assistants	41,022	44,732	2,305	2,500	371	5,176	\$25,930
Cooks, Restaurant	28,891	34,150	1,673	2,786	526	4,985	\$25,180
Office Clerks, General	43,914	42,008	2,402	2,740	-191	4,951	\$32,600
General and Operations Managers	48,197	51,178	1,042	3,273	298	4,613	\$105,280
Childcare Workers	27,809	29,142	2,106	2,143	133	4,382	\$23,490
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	27,385	27,579	1,945	1,756	19	3,720	\$22,640
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	32,648	31,141	1,940	1,776	-151	3,565	\$38,340
Construction Laborers	27,618	29,390	953	2,217	177	3,347	\$47,270



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